



Proclamation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2017

WHEREAS, America's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, accepted the work of perfecting our Nation. Much of Belmont's honor, strength and distinction can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this region; and,

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of California's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and,

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes the month of February as Black History Month, a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advance the cause of civil rights and strengthen families and communities; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize these champions of justice and the sacrifices they made to bring us to this point. We honor the contributions of African Americans to our country and we recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for 2017 Black History Month focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. The touted benefits of education remain elusive to many blacks of all ages. Addressing the crisis in black education should be considered one of the most important goals in America's past, present, and future; and,

WHEREAS, All Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we continue to march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Charles Stone, Mayor of the City of Belmont, for and on behalf of the Belmont City Council, do hereby recognize February 2017 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the City of Belmont.

SIGNED AND AFFIXED WITH THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF
BELMONT, ON THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO
THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

Charles Stone

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

Davina Hurt

Davina Hurt, Sponsoring Councilmember